

No 5-star treatment for Anwar in jail, says Putrajaya
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Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will not be accorded any special treatment or privileges while serving his five-year sentence in the Sungai Buloh Prison, said Putrajaya.

Berita Harian reported Deputy Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar as saying it would not be fair to other inmates if the Prisons Department gave any special treatment to the opposition leader.

"We cannot give five-star treatment to former VIPs or millionaires who are sentenced to jail after being found guilty, while beggars are in a terrible condition.

"All those found guilty by the court will get the same treatment from the Prisons Department.

"However, the department can give (different) conveniences to prisoners based on some reasons, such as medical condition," he was quoted as saying by the Malay daily today.

He said director-general of Prisons Datuk Seri Zukifli Omar could consider giving certain facilities if an inmate was suffering from health problems but the decision was dependent on the health report.

"For now, there is no decision that Anwar will receive any special treatment," he was quoted as saying.

Wan Junaidi said Anwar's family were allowed to visit him on a date and time set by the department.

"Any NGOs like the Malaysian Red Crescent Society can apply to visit Anwar. There are rules that all visitors have to adhere to."

The Federal Court yesterday found Anwar guilty of sodomising his former aide Mohd Saiful Bukhari Azlan in a condominium unit at Bukit Damansara, Kuala Lumpur, on June 26, 2008.

Anwar was handed a five-year jail term.

In the summary of his judgment, Chief Justice Tun Arifin Zakaria found that claims of political conspiracy by the defence team remained an unsubstantiated allegation.

He also agreed with the High Court and Court of Appeal that Saiful was a credible witness. – February 11, 2015.

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